

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : (a) Yes.

(b) 1,700.

(c) Nearly 200 years.

(d) No. Land acquisition proceedings are in progress for a suitable site for the cemetery.

(e) From 19th Makarom 1114. But they are burying their dead in the cemeteries attached to the neighbouring churches.

Mr. James Fletcher : With reference to answer to part (e), may I know whether there are neighbouring churches and what their distances from the Poovar Roman Catholic Church are?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Information is not available, Sir.

Mr. James Fletcher : May I know whether the honourable member thinks that the cemetery is an urgent necessity and whether it will be available in a short time?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar : Yes.

Police Inspector Mr. P. Vaidyanatha Aiyar.

90. ***Sahib Bahadur M. Sultan Muhiadheen :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the services of one Mr. P. Vaidyanatha Aiyar, ex-Inspector of Police, have been dispensed with before 1110 ;

(b) if so, the reasons for the same ;

(c) whether he was re-entertained in service ;

(d) if so whether his services have been dispensed with since 1111 also ; and

(e) if so, the reasons for the same ?

Khan Bahadur G. Saiyid Abdul Karim Sahib Suhrawardy (*Inspector General of Police*) : (a) His probation period was terminated.

(b) For certain irregularities.

(c) Yes.

(d) Yes.

(e) He was found unfit for the Police Department.

Improvement of road from Nagercoil to Trivandrum.

91. ***Mr. James Fletcher :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) whether the work for the improvement of Nagercoil-Trivandrum road is given on contract.

(b) whether the improvement of the road includes the work of straightening the Nagercoil-Thuckalai section of the road ;

(c) the length of the road from Nagercoil to Thuckalai as it now exists and as it will be if the road is straightened up ; and

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(d) whether there will be broadening of the road at the bends?

Mr. S. Sessa Aiyar : (a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The existing length of the road from Nagercoil to Thuckalai is 10 miles. Length after straightening is not known at present

(d) Yes.

Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum.

92. ***Mr. James Fletcher :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of surgical operations performed in the Women and Children's Hospital, Trivandrum, during the years 1112, 1113 and 1114 ;

(b) the number of major operations in each of those years; and

(c) whether there is a decline in the number of major operations in the hospital during the last six months of 1114?

Vaidyasastrakusala Mrs. M. Poonen Lukose :

(a) 1112 5836
1113 5317
1114 (till 13-12-1114) 5177

(b) 1112 824
1113 777
1114 (till 13-12-1114) 677

(c) There is no appreciable decrease in the number of operations performed.

Taxation in different parts of the State.

93. ***Mr. James Fletcher :** Will the Government be pleased to state :

(a) the number of acres of wet land and garden land registered in favour of private individuals in each taluk of the State;

(b) the average land tax per acre of wet land and of garden land in each taluk; and

(c) whether the Government have taken any action to remove the disparity in the amount of land tax in the various taluks of the State?

Mr. M. Ramachandra Rao : (a) and (b) A statement showing the required particulars as on 1-1-1114 is laid on the table.

(c) No. Action in this direction is possible only at the next general Revenue Settlement of the State.

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